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PROCUREMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting, 25 February 1958

MEMBERS PRESENT:

ACSI	-	Mr. Richard Bauer	
		Mr. Harold J. Dougherty, alternate	
AFCIN	-	Major George Kudravetz	
ONI	-	Lt. Cdr. Hayes A. Dorr	25X9A8
NSA	-	[REDACTED]	
STATE	-	Mr. Leo M. Goodman	
		Mr. Herbert T. Krueger, alternate	
USIA	-	Mr. Walter B. Greenwood, alternate	
CIA	-	[REDACTED] Chairman	
		[REDACTED], Secretary	25X1A9a
		[REDACTED] alternate	

VISITORS:

CIA	-	[REDACTED]	25X1A9a
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1. Old Business

The minutes of the last two meetings were approved, with the following changes:

Page 2, paragraph 3, of 26th meeting, 17 December 1957

Delete from the paragraph the last two sentences, beginning " In his opinion ...". The remainder of the paragraph stands.

Page 3, item 4, of 26th meeting, 17 December 1957

Delete this item, Report by O/ACSI Member of Pergamon Press, and

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substitute the following data submitted in its place by the O/ACSI member:

4. Report by O/ACSI Member of Pergamon Institute

The O/ACSI member reported on a meeting on 27 November 1957 in the National Science Foundation Board Room which was convened to discuss a translation proposal of the Pergamon Institute. During the course of the meeting Capt. Ian Maxwell of the Pergamon Institute discussed several publication agreements which his organization has initiated with Soviet organizations. According to Capt. Maxwell, he has received a letter from a Mr. Tapchiev, a Chief Scientific Secretary of the USSR Academy of Sciences, in which the latter agreed to provide Pergamon hard copy, photostats or microfilm copies of any article quoted from the content of the Referativnyye zhurnaly (Abstract Journals), even including copies of dissertations. Capt. Maxwell also claimed to have an agreement with the Ministry of Defense Publishing House, through which he receives three items per month. The O/ACSI Member stated that the Pergamon Institute appeared to be a potential source of hard-to-get items. He added, however, that Capt. Maxwell had not indicated what the Pergamon Institute offered in exchange for the Soviet assistance.

2. New Business

a. ACSI Procurement Program for USSR Military Publications

Mr. Harold J. Dougherty, alternate ACSI member, discussed the methods employed in the USSR Branch of Eurasian Division, ACSI, to procure Soviet military publications. Three programs are currently in force:

- 1) Tripartite Program - an exchange program whereby the British, Canadian and U.S. military exchange accession lists and notification of translations made from USSR military journals, and provide copies of translations as desired. A large file of translations, some with the original documents attached, are on file in the Eurasian Division, representing the labor of some ten years in acquisition.
- 2) Exchange of Publications with Friendly Powers - with the cooperation of Mr. Bauer's group, ad-hoc exchanges have been effected with Western powers whereby Army attaches offer host governments publications in exchange for publications desired by ACSI. The

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results of this quid-pro-quo program are fairly dependent upon the interest in or value of the publications offered.

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Mr. Dougherty emphasized that his acquisition and maintenance of Soviet publications were somewhat limited in that his efforts are primarily directed towards exploitation of such materials. However, he offered his services to all the member agencies present and suggested that any interest in such publications be directed to him. In this regard, [redacted] USSR Coordinator in Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library, remarked that he has for some time found Mr. Dougherty's staff helpful in obtaining USSR military publications on loan to satisfy CIA interests. The Chairman also thanked Mr. Dougherty for the splendid service he gave CIA recently on a crash need for a copy of [redacted]

b. Collection Evaluations Studies for Eastern and Western Europe

The State member reported that a draft study on the subject, prepared on a country-by-country basis, will be circulated prior to the next meeting to all member agencies who submitted contributions for clearance.

c. Discussion of Systems for Reporting Acquisitions

The Chairman remarked that the entire subject of accessions and other media for announcing acquisitions has been the subject of much debate. The aspect of classified versus unclassified materials, in view of the many unclassified accession listings currently produced, e.g., MIRA, EEAL, Bibliography of Agriculture, etc., is particularly germane. The Chairman then asked for comments on the matter:

ONI - Lt. Cdr. Dorr advised that ONI does very selective accessioning in the field of technology and science, and that the product is available to the IAC community as well as to researchers, technical components and contractors under ONI authority.

AFOIN - Major Kudravetz reported that the AID Accessions List is now issued weekly. The transmission of USSR books and monographs under IR report cover has ceased, so that these materials flow directly to AID for reporting. Among these Russian books, a selected number in the scientific and technical categories are reviewed and reported on in a pattern similar to the periodical abstracts. These books, following their receipt and exploitation in AID, are later made available to the

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Library of Congress for inclusion in the MIRA. The Chairman at this point requested that the AFOIN member inform the 6004th AISS/FEAF, Tokyo of CIA's and ACSI's interest in the continuation of the 6004th AISS accessions list.

ACSI - Mr. Bauer stated that there was not much chance for ACSI to issue an accessions list in the near future. However, Form 1048 is still used as a cover to book enclosures, citing the full bibliographic data and in many instances providing an abstract of the contents. Certain EE books processed under the USAREUR/Heidelberg arrangement will, it is hoped, lead to a table of contents listing of each item, and then forwarding same to the ACSI Library. There are very excellent accessions lists prepared by other Army organizations, e.g., AMS, Signal Corps, etc. Mr. Bauer raised the question of CIA issuing one overall listing of the publications received by the IAC Agencies, which would supplement the information carried in the MIRA, EEAL, or CIA's Russian Book List.

STATE - Mr. Goodman proposed that all unclassified material received by the intelligence community be reported to the Library of Congress so that the MIRA or EEAL could cover such receipts. In his view, there is a need perhaps for two master accessions lists, i.e., an unclassified list to be issued by IC, and a classified list for IAC issuances.

The Chairman stated that he would review these proposals, whereby CIA might issue a list of materials not already or deemed appropriate to become available to IC, and, conversely, whereby the Library of Congress would report the acquisition of all publications of easy accessibility. Members were requested to bring a copy of accession lists to the next meeting.

d. Vital Records Program for Selected Foreign Publications

The Chairman introduced this subject in terms of the question: What should be retired for future use in the open literature field? He reviewed the considerations that came up for study at the outbreak of hostilities in World War II. Subsequently, various U.S. academic and research organizations, with the Library of Congress serving as a spokesman, have studied the feasibility of providing a photocopying program to preserve selected items of wide interest or potential. To date, the efforts in this field have been limited by money, manpower and differing opinions as to what constitutes vital records in open literature. The Chairman suggested that a start in defining what should be preserved might be under an area approach. In this sense, the USSR might be selected initially, and a study be made among the member agencies to determine what they hold which might be considered vital. He suggested that when the revised edition of the Library

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of Congress' publication Serial Publications of the Soviet Union is issued this year, expected to be in April or May, it serve as a basis for determining what was already available to LC or to cooperating libraries and therefore already preserved under LC's clearing house program. The Chairman took under consideration the ACSI member's suggestion that CIA photocopy on a priority basis those IAC holdings considered vital and provide for secure storage of photo copies.

3. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be held at 1030 hours on Tuesday, 18 March 1957, in the OCR Conference Room, 350-26th Street, N.W.

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